	Name of Project	Region	Present Status
(iv)	Mudkhed-Adilabad	Telangana	Work has been taken up under the Build-Own-Lease-Transfer (BOLT) Scheme and is expected to be completed in about one year's time from now.
(v)	Secundera-bad-Drona-chellam and secundera-bad-Bolarum	Telangana	Work has been completed on 31-3-98 and section commission to traffic.
(vi)	Secundera-bad-Mudkhed & Jankampet-Bodhan	Telangana	The requisite clearances for this work have been obtained. Preliminary arrangements for commencing the work are on hand.
DOUBLINGS			
(i)	Vikarabad-Tandur	Telangana	Tandur-Rukmapur section completed. Work is presently in progress between Rukmapur and Vikarabad and is presently targetted for completion by March, 2000, subject to availability of resources.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 121.60 crores has been provided for the above mentioned works in Budget, 1998-99, which is considered adequate to match the planned work content of these projects.

भागलपुर से रायपुर तक नई रेल लाइन

1166. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भागलपुर से रायपुर बरास्ता दुमका नई रेल लाइन बिछाने के लिये स्वीकृति दे दी गई है;

(ख) क्या उक्त रेल-लाइनें बिछाने के लिये पिछले रेल बजट में 110 करोड़ रुपए की धनराशि आबंटित की गई है;

(ग) उक्त परियोजना को कब तक पूरा कर लिया जाना निर्धारित है; और

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि इस परियोजना पर कार्य अब तक प्रारम्भ भी नहीं हुआ है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं 1997-98 में इस लाइन के लिये 5 करोड़ रुपए आबंटित किये गये थे।

(ग) अभी तक कोई लक्ष्य तिथि निर्धारित नहीं की गई है।

(घ) अंतिम स्थान निर्धारण सर्वेक्षण और भूमि अधिग्रहण संबंधी कार्य प्रगति पर है। भूमि उपलब्ध होने के बाद वास्तविक कार्य शुरू किया जाएगा।

Punctuality of Trains in Andhra Pradesh

1167. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trains are not running punctually in South Central Railways;

(b) the reason for such non-punctuality in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether trains like Link Express (Delhi to Visakhapatnam) are delayed frequantly;

(d) whether it is also a fact that delay occurs at Vijayawada Railway Station; and

(e) the steps proposed to improve traffic movement at Vijayawada Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The run of trains is being monitored on a real time basis to minimise avoidable detentions apart from conducting intensive food plate inspections.

Proposed running of North Bengal Express

1168. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the propsed North Bengal Express from Sealdah to Cooachbehar will be a train at par with Shatabdi Express;

(b) if not, whether a Shatabdi-like Express to North Bengal would be introducted as assured during the discussion on Railways Budget (Supplementary) on 14th August, 1997; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the commitment made-3147/3148 Uttar Banga Express between Sealdah and New Cooach Behar has already been introduced from 20.5.98. No commitment for the introduction of a Shatabdi type train was made.

Railway Stations under Private Control in Punjab

1169. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of Railway Stations in Punjab are under private control since independence;

(b) if so, their names, district-wise, as on 15th March, 1993;

(c) whether these private owned railway stations have not been providing basic amenities to the passengers travelling from these stations;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have been requested to take over these railway stations under their control during 1993; and

(f) if so, the names of these stations and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) There are 47 halt stations in the State of Punjab managed by halt contractors.

(a) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) All basic amenities have been provided at these contractor opearted halt stations, which are considered adequate for the present level of passenger traffic at these stations.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise

Statement

Name of Halt Station	District
1. Bhattian	Jallandhar
2. Dhogri	Jallandhar
3. Ajitgill Matta	Firozpur
4. Dhindsa	Firozpur
5. Maheshri Sandhuan	Firozpur
6.Parao Mahna	Firozpur
7. Khai Phermeki	Firozpur
8. D.A.V. College (Jalalabad)	Firozpur